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Sir:

In reply to the September 13, 2002 Office Action and the personal interview conducted on November 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A vehicle drive assist system comprising:
- a camera for picking up an image of an area existing in an advancing direction of a vehicle;
 - display means for displaying the image picked up by the camera;
 - an obstacle sensor for detecting presence or absence of an obstructive object in a backward area of the vehicle;
 - drive assist means, when an obstructive object is detected by the obstacle sensor, informing a driver of presence of an obstructive object by displaying information in the form of a character telop on the image displayed on a display and changing a color of the entire display.

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